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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF LILIANA VOGLER (67/77/5)

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)
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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
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H PASS: HONORABLE GEORGE MILLER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 31. IT
ARRIVED ONLY THIS PAST WEEKEND -- IT WAS SENT TO OUR OLD
ADDRESS ON SARMIENTO -- BUT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ALREADY HAD CABLED US A TEXT, SO THAT WE WERE ABLE TO
GO TO WORK ON THE QUESTIONS YOU RAISED IN THE CASE
OF MISS LILIANA VOGLER.

2. I, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF MY STAFF, HAVE MADE REPEATED
INQUIRIES REGARDING THE CONTINUED DETENTION OF MISS VOGLER.
THE EMBASSY HAS SUBMITTED FOUR REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
THIS YEAR ON THIS CASE WHICH WE UNDERSTAND
WERE DISCUSSED WITH YOUR OFFICE AND THE

3. ON MAY 18TH THE FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN
RIGHTS REPLIED TO AN OFFICIAL INQUIRY WE MADE ON FEBRUARY
22, REGARDING MISS VOGLER'S DETENTION. THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S
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A) MISS VOGLER IS BEING HELD UNDER EXECUTIVE DETENTION PERSUANT TO DECREE NO. 1721 OF JUNE 27, 1975.

B) SHE IS CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF LAW 20,840 (THE GENERAL ARGENTINE ANTISUBVERSION LAW) FOR AFFILIATION WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S ARMY (ERP)

C) CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST HER HAVE BEEN HEARD BEFORE THE FEDERAL JUDGE OF RIO CUARTO IN CORDOBA PROVINCE, WHO SENTENCED HER TO NINE YEARS IN PRISON ON FEBRUARY 18, 1978.

4. WE UNDERSTAND FROM MISS VOGLER'S RELATIVES THAT THE RIO CUARTO JUDGE'S DECISION HAS BEEN APPEALED TO A HIGHER COURT IN CORDOBA. AS MISS VOGLER IS NOT REPRESENTED BY A PRIVATE ATTORNEY, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS APPEAL WAS PUT FORWARD BY HER STATE APPOINTED DEFENSE COUNSEL.

5. I HAVE RAISED MISS VOGLER'S CASE ON A NUMBER OF OCCASSIONS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AND SUGGESTED THAT HER CASE BE EXAMINED FOR INCLUSION IN THE RIGHT OF OPTION PROGRAM TO ALLOW HER TO JOIN HER FAMILY IN CALIFORNIA FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS. THE RESPONSE TO THESE INQUIRIES HAS BEEN THAT MISS VOGLER IS CHARGED WITH SERIOUS CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND THAT HER CASE IS A "DIFFICULT ONE".

6. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT MS. VOGLER REPORTEDLY RECEIVED A MORE SEVERE SENTENCE THAT WAS EXPECTED BY THOSE WHO KNOW OF HER CASE.

7. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF MISS VOGLER AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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8. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.
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